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(57) Abstract

Compounds having formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein R_1 is (a) hydrogen, (b) lower alkyl, (c) alkenyl, (d) alkoxy, (e) thioalkoxy, (f) halo, (g) haloalkyl, (h) aryl $-L_2$ -, and (i) heterocyclic $-L_2$ -; R_2 is selected from (a) formula (1), (b) $-C(O)NH-CH(R_{14})-C(O)OR_{15}$, (c) formula (2), (d) $-C(O)NH-CH(R_{14})-C(O)NHSO_2R_{16}$, (e) $-C(O)NH-CH(R_{14})$ -tetrazolyl, (f) -C(O)NH-heterocyclic, and (g) $-C(O)NH-CH(R_{14})$ -C(O)NR₁₇R₁₈; R₃ is substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic or aryl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl, formula (3), and -P(W)R^{R3}R^{R3}; R₄ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, haloalkyl, halogen, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, or (heterocyclic)alkyl; Li is absent or is selected from (a) $-L_4-N(R_5)-L_5-$, (b) $-L_4-O-L_5-$, (c) $-L_4-S(O)_n-L_5-$, (d) $-L_4-L_6-C(W)-N(R_5)-L_5-$, (e)

 $-L_4-L_6-S(O)_m-N(R_5)-L_5-$, (f) $-L_4-N(R_5)-C(W)-L_7-L_5-$, (g) $-L_4-N(R_5)-S(O)_p-L_7-L_5-$, (h) optionally substituted alkylene, (i) optionally substituted alkenylene, (j) optionally substituted alkynylene, (k) a covalent bond, (1) formula (4), and (m) formula (5) are inhibitors of protein isoprenyl transferases. Also disclosed are protein isoprenyl transferase inhibiting compositions and a method of inhibiting protein isoprenyl transferases.